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Re: NIH FOI Case No. 41509

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This acknowledges your July 10, 2013, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, addressed to the Freedom of Information (FOIA) Office, National Institutes of Health (NIH). You requested the following records:

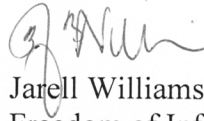
1. Any communications between Dr. Collins and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the USFWS proposal to list all chimpanzees as endangered; and
2. Any memos, directives, guidelines, protocols or similar guiding documents sent from the Director's office to NIH sub-components, institutes and centers regarding the retirement of research chimpanzees.

The timeframe for both Items is January 1, 2013 – present. We have queried the files of the appropriate NIH offices for responsive documents. If any documents responsive to your request are located, they will be reviewed for releasability, and all releasable information will be sent to you. We will do everything possible to comply with your request in a timely manner. Please feel free to contact me at nihfoia@mail.nih.gov or on (301) 496-5633 for additional information or to inquire about the status of your request.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services FOIA Regulations as they apply to news media requesters; i.e., you will be charged for duplication at 10-cents per page although the first 100 pages are free; there is no charge for search or review time. Because we are uncertain that any applicable fees will exceed the

minimum charge (\$25.00), your request for a fee waiver is not being addressed at this time. However, if it is determined that there will be fees associated with processing your request, you will be contacted at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jarell Williams', written over the printed name.

Jarell Williams
Freedom of Information Specialist, NIH